

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1427

Introduced by Assembly Member Maddox

February 21, 2003

An act relating to biological solids.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1427, as introduced, Maddox. Biosolids.

The existing Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act generally requires the California regional water quality control boards to prescribe waste discharge requirements for individual waste discharges. The act requires the State Water Resources Control Board or a regional board, upon receipt of an application for waste discharge requirements for discharges of dewatered, treated, or chemically fixed sewage sludge and other biological solids, to prescribe general waste discharge requirements for those sludges and solids, as specified.

The existing California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989, administered by the California Integrated Waste Management Board, establishes an integrated waste management program, including the regulation of solid waste disposal. Existing law authorizes the board to approve the use of compost, cocompost, and chemically fixed sewage sludge for use as solid waste landfill cover materials or for use as extenders for currently used cover material, if the board makes a specified evaluation.

This bill would declare the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would develop a comprehensive statewide policy regarding biosolids.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. (a) The Legislature finds and declares that
2 biosolids are primarily organic solids left from municipal
3 wastewater treatment processes.

4 (b) It is the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that
5 would develop a comprehensive statewide policy regarding
6 biosolids.

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